Society of Sisters of Charity of Saint B. Capitanio and V. Gerosa, Calcutta.

(52) S. O. No. 1516, dated the 2nd July, 1994, regarding the Auroville Foundation, Auroville Tamil Nadu.

(53) S. O. No. 1517, dated the 2nd July, 1994, regarding the Spastics Society of Eastern India, Calcutta.

(54) S. O. No. 1519, dated the 2nd July, 1994, regarding the India International Textile Machinery Exhibitions Society, Bombay.

(55) S. O. No. 1519, dated the 2nd July, 1994, regarding the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi (Placed in Library from (1) to (55). *See No. LT*-6203/94) from (1) to (53).

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs), under section 31 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 585(E), dated the the 14th July, 1994, publishing the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Bankers to an issue) Rules, 1994.

(2) Notification No. LE/7/94, dated the 14th July, 1994, publishing the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Bankers to an issue) Regulations, 1994 (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6204/94).

Memorandum of understanding (1994-95) between the Government of India and the Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Power) and the Rural Electrification Limited for the year 1994-95. (Placed in Library *See* No. LT- 6227/84)

The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.

Reference—Contd.

Re. Starvation Deaths in Koraput District of Orissa.

SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY (Pondicherry): Madam Deputy Chairman, thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise a very important issue of the people who are dying in the Koraput District of Orissa due to starvation.

Madam, now we are paying our homgae to the freedom-fighters and martyrs There was a call given by Mahatma Gandhi on August 9. After Independence, in our country the basic necessities of the people, food, shelter and clothing, have not been provided to the people in one corner of our country.

Madam, it has been in the news for several years that in the Koraput District every year the people are dying due to starvation.

Madam, the Government of India provides funds for the anti-poverty programme for giving employment to the people who are below the poverty-line. At the time of distribution of those funds to the poor people, a lot of bungling takes place. This year alone, in the Koraput District, more than 100 people died due to starvation.

There is a popular government running in Orissa, which says that it is for the poor and down-trodden people, but, in spite of this, in Orissa more than 100 people died during the past two months. The impression given to the people of this country is that those people died due to gastro-enteritis.

Madam, I would like to submit that in the Koraput District, especially in two villages alone in the Kutinga Panchayat of the Lakhimpur Block more than 12 people died. In Lacchmani 11 people died. In Sorishapadar and Kanapadhi villages 12 people died. This has become the order of the day.

The people could not get even their minimum food. They had been eating roots and leaves of plants. This is the sorry state of affairs. Even 46 or 47 years after Independence we see these starvation deaths in our country.